



Mr. William Marcus Fowler

December 4, 1959 - January 8, 2017

William Marcus Fowler, 57, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Marc was born on December 4, 1959, at Fort Dix Army Base in New Jersey the son of Jane Bridges Fowler and Dr. William B. Fowler. A lifelong resident of Western North Carolina, Marc was a member of Dr. Ledbetter's Troop 8. He graduated from Asheville High School in 1978. He attended the University of Tennessee and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Mars Hill College in 1985. Marc was the Director of Environmental Health at the Buncombe County Health Department for 26 years until his retirement in 2014. He was a pilot and past President of the NC Soaring Association. His bliss was flying. Marc was truly a gentle, loving man. His subtle sense of humor will be sorely missed. He will be in our hearts forever.

Marc was preceded in death by his wife of 24 years, Sharon McKinney Fowler.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Bright Fowler; a sister, Holly Fowler Strauss and husband Andrew; two nieces, Spencer Caroline Strauss, all of Asheville and Courtney Strauss Davis and husband Brad of Jacksonville Beach, Florida; Uncles, Aunts and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 15, 2017, at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue with The Rev. Dr. R. Scott White officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the All Souls Counseling Center, 35 Arlington Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Family will Receive Friends

JAN 15. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Marcus Fowler*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I went online to see if I could find Marc again, and I found this just now. Marc and I were close in Jr. High School and High School. When I moved to Asheville, of all the kids I met, he was the nicest person to me. We learned photography together, we loved to drive (race?) up Old Toll Road to the Blue Ridge Parkway together, as yearbook photographers, we'd make trouble in the darkroom. I had lost touch with him for many years and was hoping to get together again sometime. Dr. and Mrs. Fowler, and Holly I'm sorry for your loss. He will always be in my memory.*

Mitch Gordon - December 06, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Good morning , I was reading g in the obituary column and read about Mr. Fowler. I want the family to know that I am very sorry for your loss and my condolences goes out to your entire family and friends. Mr . Fowler seemed to have been a great asset to his community his entire life and I'm sure that he will be missed greatly. I want t to share some Scriptures from the Bible that I hope and pray will help you cope in these difficult times . 2 CORINTHIANS CHpter 1 verses 3 & 4 let's us know that God will give you the comfort you and your family needs. JOHN chapter 5 verses 21-29 , helps us to appreciate that it's possible to see our loved ones again. I will keep you all in my prayers in the days to come Thank-you for your time C.Boykin*

Cynthia boykin - February 02, 2017 at 09:49 PM

DM

“ *Dr. and Mrs. Fowler,
I was so saddened to learn of Marc's passing. I was so close to him and to your whole family in my youth having spent so much time together with all of you. I loved Marc then and have so many fond memories-walking on the golf course to see stars at night, learning how to drive a stick shift on his VW Thing, playing banjo together, boy scouts then high school together. We lost touch with one another over the years but his place in my heart will last my lifetime.
Warm personal regards,
David McLeod*

David McLeod, M.D. - January 21, 2017 at 08:17 AM

WB

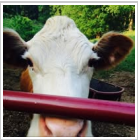
“ *Dear Bill and Jane,

I am so very sorry. Our children aren't supposed to go before we do. Even though I knew Marc only from our shared comments about our children, I could tell he was a very loved and cherished son.

You have my deepest sympathy.

Wendy Bell*

WENDY H BELL - January 20, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Dear Dr. And Jane Fowler and family
Marc was truly such a sweet gentle soul.
I had the pleasure of knowing him and I am so sorry for your loss
Love you guys
Darah*

Sarah Price - January 17, 2017 at 02:03 PM

SD

“ Dear Dr. & Mrs. Fowler, & Family,
Please know my heart, thoughts & prayers are with you at this time. It is said the Good leave us to soon. He had a purpose filled life, and did so much. That is truly a beautiful gift.

"It is in dying we find eternal life"

St. Frances of Assisi

Blessings,

Suzanne Mary Duffy

Suzanne Mary Duffy - January 15, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Marcus Fowler.



January 15, 2017 at 12:08 PM

JM

“ Marc was an esteemed colleague as well as friend to both of us. We worked at the Buncombe County Health Center many years with him. Marc made great contributions to the Environmental Health Program, retiring as the Division Director. Marc was always respected by all the staff, and such a pleasure to work with. On a personal note, Charles and our son Scott, had many adventures with Marc flying sail planes in Chester, SC, and later in Hendersonville, NC. Marc was a member and sail plane owner in the Highland Soaring Club. He was always willing to work as ground crew, as well as being an excellent pilot. So many wonderful memories.

We are so very sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Janet and Charles McKenzie

Janet and Charles McKenzie - January 15, 2017 at 10:29 AM

JS

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John Shook - January 14, 2017 at 09:18 AM

MG

I was sitting next to Marc in this picture

Mitch Gordon - December 06, 2022 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bender purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. William Marcus Fowler.*



Judy Bender - January 14, 2017 at 01:38 AM

GB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Marc's passing. Marc, John Shook and I shared some great times in high school... 16 year olds tooling around Asheville in a vintage push-button start Jaguar XKE. Wow! Cruising up the Parkway to Mt Pisgah in Marc's VW Thing.*

Our parents let Marc and I, as high school juniors, take a 6-week tour to New Mexico, Montana, Massachusetts and back to NC in the Fowler's Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser (license plate 'SLAM' - too cool). Listening constantly to the two cassettes Marc brought: Fleetwood Mac Rumors and Santana. I still love them! Retrieving a post card from Marc's girlfriend at general delivery PO in Cripple Creek CO, backpacking near Steamboat Springs and in Yellowstone, driving Needles Parkway at Mt Rushmore, camping at KOAs almost every night. An unforgettable experience with Marc!

So sorry for your loss. George Baumgarten, Cohasset, MA.

George Baumgarten - January 13, 2017 at 06:20 PM

TR

Thanks for sharing this George. Sounds like fun times. I remember Mark as always having a kind word. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Tim Rhinehart - January 13, 2017 at 06:26 PM

AM

I knew Mark in junior high and high school. What a sweetheart, I know he will be deeply missed! Thank you for sharing your memories George!

Amy McGuire - January 14, 2017 at 07:31 AM

MG

George, I had some similar experiences with Marc. I am very sad to hear this.

Mitch Gordon - December 06, 2022 at 05:02 PM

GE

George, thank you for sharing this memory. That postcard was from me. I didn't learn of Marc's death until 2018. Lots of good memories with that kind young man. He's been on my mind as his birth date rolls past again.

Gina Hogan Edwards - December 21, 2022 at 08:03 PM

CO

“ *I worked at the Buncombe County Health Department with Marc and remember him as a nice guy and a very kind person who was always smiling. He will be missed. I send prayers to his family, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Cheryl Orengo - January 12, 2017 at 06:18 PM